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### **Excavation of Dunn Field disposal sites 3 and 10 to be performed in February**

**MEMPHIS, TENN.** —The Memphis Depot Base Realignment and Closure Cleanup Team and its environmental contractors will perform the excavation of disposal sites 3 and 10 on the western portion of Dunn Field in February 2006.

Environmental contractors unearthed several glass bottles during an initial excavation of disposal site 3 in March 2005. The contractors stopped excavation activities until the contents of the bottles could be confirmed. Test results confirmed the liquid was acidified water with low concentrations of ortho-toluidine, a compound commonly used to detect the presence of chlorine in water.

When soil samples indicated that the cleanup goals had not been met at disposal site 10, environmental contractors dug an exploratory trench and visually identified the remnants of burn pit material. The environmental contractors performed additional excavation at the site, but more is needed to achieve the remedial goals.

During excavation, transportation and disposal activities, the environmental contractors will follow a Site Safety and Health Plan to protect workers. The plan includes air monitoring, dust control measures, equipment cleaning, and personal protective equipment for workers. The excavated soil and materials will be tested to determine the proper disposal requirements and then transported to approved disposal facilities.

Mobilization to perform excavation of an estimated 325 cubic yards is planned for the week of Feb. 13 and will include soil, bottles and associated debris from disposal site 3, and burn pit material from disposal site 10. The excavation work to be performed should take about two weeks. The team will make every effort to minimize noise and disturbance to the community.

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“This marks another step forward in the ongoing cleanup program at the Memphis Depot,” said Mike Dobbs, Environmental Program Manager for the Defense Logistics Agency.

The environmental contractors will prepare a Remedial Action Completion Report after the site has been excavated and all cleanup goals have been met. The report must be reviewed and approved by the Environmental Protection Agency and the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation. The approved final Remedial Action Completion Report will be placed in the depot’s information repositories.

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